



House News

Georgia House of Representatives - December 2005

GLN to go "On Air"

In August, Speaker Richardson announced a project that would "... throw open the doors of Georgia government to everyone." Beginning in January, the Georgia Legislative Network will go 'on air' as a project to bring the workings of the House to all Georgians by broadcasting full committee meetings live over the internet. This completed project was unveiled on Wednesday, December 14, to announce the commitment of the House leadership to opening up government and increasing access to all Georgians.

Through this internet network, anyone with a computer and internet access will be able to log on and see their legislators at work. The House Communications Office will be overseeing the broadcast in eight committee meeting rooms in both the Capitol and the Coverdell Office Building.

During the fall, the General Assembly staff began installing remote broadcast quality cameras throughout the House meeting rooms, and in the last month the final touches of the

network were completed. Quite honestly it gives C-SPAN a run for its money!

This past week, House Communications, actually ran its first full test of the entire system when the MARTA Oversight Committee met for its final meeting prior to the 2006 Session. Over the last several weeks, House Committee Chairmen were given a first hand look of the new system, the results of which have been an astounding success!

With the cameras going live in five COB meeting rooms and three Capitol meeting rooms, the people of Georgia now have unprecedented access to the Georgia House of Representatives. "It is our intent to bring the House into the 21st century, create a modern legislature, and give the people of Georgia the opportunity to virtually be a part of their government," said Speaker Richardson.



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December

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Alicia Hautala	13th
Emily Pattillo	13th
Michael Hall	16th
Christel Raasch	18th
Leishea Johnson	23rd
Stacy Warrior-Williams	23rd
Diana Lynn	24th
Ginger Doster	26th
Lori Meadows	27th
Pamela Lewis	30th



Greetings from Human Resources

As we approach the year's end, we have occasion to reflect over the years events. Many of us have experienced change we didn't anticipate, some positive, some not so. Yet in all things, we must seek the good, as we prepare for a new year and a new legislative session.

I am pleased to be your new Director of Human Resources and to serve in this capacity. I am enjoying getting to know you and learning about your hopes, aspirations and challenges. I look forward to a year filled with assisting you in addressing challenge, dealing with change and preparing for opportunity.

Some of my thoughts for the development of a Human Resource Function include:

A Standardized Human Resource Entity For
The House
Professional Enrichment
Career Development
Career Paths

If there are other areas within this function, you would like to see expanded, please share your ideas.

Have a wonderful holiday and I'll see you in 2006.

Arrie B. Porter

Words of Wisdom

Ward Lamb has been a part of the House for 22 years now, with the first four years working for the Fulton County delegation, and is well known as one of the best research analysts in the General Assembly.

Ward brings a sense of duty and honor to the job he performs so well. I thought that this month's newsletter would be a great time to share some of the tricks of trade that Ward has learned with the rest of the House staff as we transition into Session mode.

"Some people are reluctant to confront change, which is a very human response, but change is the only constant in our lives. Change is in our home, in our work, or in our church. If our jobs are not what we want to do, we should try to create the workplace

that will make us happy," said Ward.

"Even seasons change. If you don't change; you don't grow, and if you don't grow, you die."

"I think that it is a very exciting time, and extraordinary opportunity, that I haven't seen here at the House. People will have the opportunity to be more involved in the

responsibilities given to us by the people of Georgia, and happier because its exciting work. The hardest work is in interim. I'm looking forward to a nice calm session."

Maybe its just me, but I've been concerned with the approaching session, but after listening to Ward, and really hearing what he had to say, I can't wait until January. Of course, it could just be the barbeque dinners.

WARD LAMB

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The Georgia Capitol Museum announces the 2005 limited edition commemorative ornament, Miss Freedom. This collector's item captures the majestic statue crowning the Capitol building in a 3" x 2" three dimensional ornament finished in 24K gold.

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